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1. DURING DCM'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN MAY 19, CHATCHAI URGED PROMPT BEGINNING OF DISCUSSION OF DETAILS OF 7500-SPACE US FORCES CUT TO BE MADE BY ABOUT JUNE 30. HE FELT THAT OPENING OF DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN DISSIPATING PUBLIC ANGER OVER ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THAI SOVEREIGNTY DURING MAYAGUEZ EPISODE, PARTICULARLY IF BASE CLOSURES COULD BE INCLUDED AND ANNOUNCED.

2. SINCE WE HAVE SEEN DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR EFFECT-ING 7500-SPACE REDUCTION IN MILITARY CHANNEL MESSAGES, WE HAVE DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING WHY IT IS TAKING DEPARTMENT SO LONG TO REPLY TO OUR REPEATED REQUESTS FOR INSTRUCTIONS. YOUR EARLIEST RESPONSE IS NEEDED.

. IN MEANTIME, HOPE YOU WILL TAKE ACTION IN WASHINGTON TO ASSURE THAT NO ACTUAL MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL OR AIRCRAFT OCCURS PRIOR TO ADEQUATE CONSULTATION WITH RTG.
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